

# St. James Parish

## St. James Church



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Roman Catholic - Diocese of Buffalo

January 8th, 2023

## Our Lady of Victory Oratory



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## The Visit of the Magi

When **Jesus** was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When **King Herod** heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*"

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way. *The Gospel of the Lord*



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### THE EUCHARIST

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil...4PM

Sunday...8AM

#### Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday & Friday...8AM

Wednesday...7PM

#### Mass at Our Lady of Victory, Frewsburg NY

Thursday...6PM

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday...3:15PM & Wednesday...6PM

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays...9AM until the 7PM Mass

### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday...10AM to 5PM

Tuesday thru Thursday...9AM to 5PM

Closed for lunch...12PM to 1PM

Friday...Closed

### RECTORY

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New parishioners, welcome to St. James Parish!  
Please register at the rectory.

### Sacrament of Anointing:

Please call the rectory in case of serious illness, before surgery or following an accident.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please call the rectory to schedule your pre-baptism class and a date for your child's baptism.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage must be made at least 6 months before the marriage date. It is necessary to be a registered parishioner to schedule.

# St. James Parish — Sunday, January 8th, 2023

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 7th—St. Raymond of Penyafort, First Saturday

3:15 pm **Confessions** in the Chapel

4:00 pm \*DMO the Joseph & Anna Cusimano Family †  
by Sue Laughlin

4:00 pm Aniello Toscano † (Birthday)  
by Daughter, Luigia

Sunday, January 8th—The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am Msgr. Antoine Attea † (Anniversary)  
by the intentions of our Parishioners

8:00 am In Honor of Joseph Yatzkanic  
by Cindy Nutt

Monday, January 9th—St. Basil the great and Gregory Nazianzen

8:00 am Donald Guarnieri †  
by Ron & Doris Pappalardo

Tuesday, January 10th—The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 am Marie Bortnick † (Birthday)  
by Vince & Maryfran Powell & Family

Wednesday, January 11th—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

9am-7pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
6pm Confessions in the Chapel

7:00 pm In Honor of Tom Gluszak (Birthday)  
by the Nutt Family

Thursday, January 12th—St. John Neumann

Mass at Our Lady of Victory, Frewsburg NY:

6:00 pm Jacqueline Phillips †  
by Tom & Barb Marlinski

Friday, January 13th—St. André Bessette, First Friday

8:00 am Theodore (Birthday) & Elizabeth Kurtzhals †  
by Ted & Susanna Kurtzhals

Saturday, January 14th—St. Raymond of Penyafort, First Saturday

3:15 pm **Confessions** in the Chapel

4:00 pm Rose Marie Ognibene †  
by the Joseph Galbato Family

4:00 pm Rosario "Ross" Calimeri †  
by Douglas & Lucia Spoto

Sunday, January 15th—The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am Carl Calanni †  
by Karm Messina

8:00 am Rosario G. Nova †  
by George & Bless So

\*DMO ~ Deceased Members Of

The **Sanctuary Light** will burn in memory of Earl Caffoe for his birthday remembrance by Wife, Shirley and Sons, Todd & Kevin. The **Wine & Hosts** are offered in loving honor of the Epiphany & Baptism of the Lord by a friend.

### In Memoriam

A memorial gift was presented to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in memory of Edward Staniszewski by his Sister-n-law, Carm Bellitto.



## WELCOME TO ST. JAMES PARISH!

If you are visiting this weekend, we welcome you and thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are searching for a new spiritual home, come join us! We invite you to become part of our parish family ~ rich in faith, tradition and spirituality.

### Faith Formation Calendar: Classes 9-10:45am

**NOTE:** If there is a snow day on Sunday for classes, we will announce the cancellation on Channel 2 Buffalo, and on our Facebook Page.



Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023 PreK—10th grade classes

Sunday, Jan. 15 No Classes

Sunday, Jan. 22 PreK—10th grade classes

Sunday, Jan. 29 PreK—10th grade classes,  
Superbowl Trivia Family Class in the Church Hall.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Meets after 8am Mass

Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023 ~ Mary & The Saints

Sunday, Jan. 15 ~ No Classes

Contact Deacon Mike for more information at 716.487.0125.

### Following the magi, we adore our Savior and sing his praise!

#### An Epiphany Prayer ~ Sunday, January 8th

Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way, as once it guided the steps of the magi: that we too may be led into your presence and worship you, the Child of Mary, Mother of God, with Word of the Father, the King of nations, the Savior of mankind; in union with your heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit, you are one God forever and ever. Amen.

### It's COFFEE HOUR!

Please join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the church hall next Sunday, January 15th after the 8am Mass. Members of the St. James Italian Heritage Dancers will be providing our social event!



### Altar & Rosary Society

Meets Sunday, January 15th, 9:30am in the Hall

The Altar & Rosary Ministry is looking for new members, and both men and women are welcome to join!

Become part of this parish ministry who takes care of the needs of our Altar, family social gatherings for funerals, and baking items for St. James Church social events. Meetings are held once every other month. The first meeting of this year will take place on Jan. 15, 2023 at 9:30am after Coffee Hour in the church hall. Anyone interested in learning more are welcome to attend!



### A VOCATION VIEW: The Epiphany of the Lord

The Three Magi worshipped Jesus and then "departed by a different way." Is Jesus asking you to live your life in a new and different way for the Kingdom of God? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716.847.5535 or [www.buffalovocations.org](http://www.buffalovocations.org).



# St. James Parish — The Epiphany of the Lord

## From the desk of Fr. Paul Cygan

Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. These were the three gifts that the Magi brought to Bethlehem to honor Jesus the newborn Savior. Gold represents Christ's kingship. Although Jesus arrived here on earth in poverty, He has come ushering in His kingdom of which there will be no end. He is king of the universe and He is king of our lives. To Him all honor, glory, power and praise are due. We come from God and we are destined to return to God. Therefore, during this life our primary goal must be to know, love and serve God who is our King and Creator.

Frankincense represents Christ's divinity. Since the very beginning of salvation history, sacrifices were made that would send a pleasing aroma in the air to honor God the Almighty. Think of Cain and Abel. Abel made a sacrifice of the choicest lamb to God. Or think of the sojourning of the people of Israel under the command of Moses as they walked through the desert. In the tabernacle tent which was carefully and symbolically structured, there were appointed times to offer incense in the holy of holies to honor God. Similarly, within our own liturgy at times of great celebration in the Church we also use incense to remind ourselves of a few things: 1. that our prayers rise like incense to the Lord (Psalm 141) and; 2. that the mystery we enter in the liturgy is a meeting of heaven and earth.

Lastly and most curiously, the magi offer the gift of myrrh, a burial ointment that reminds us of the purpose of Jesus' incarnation. Jesus has come not only to teach us and to sanctify us, but also to save us from our sins. To do so, He would have to take upon His shoulder the heavy Cross and spill his sacred blood to be an everlasting sacrifice to lift us out of our own poverty of sin and death.

"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the Blood of His Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin." - 1 John 1:7

The myrrh reminds us of those faithful women who went to the tomb following Jesus' death to anoint His body. But Christ who experienced humanity in all things including death, destroyed death and now brings us to new life in Him.

The gifts that the magi brought to Jesus have deep significance and symbolism. What are we bringing to Jesus this year, this week, this day or this very moment? Our Lord is waiting for us with open arms. Go to Him and offer the gift of your very self to Him.

### We lovingly remember

**Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, 1927-2022**

*Let us pray for the repose of his soul ...*

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*



Offertory for  
Sunday, January 1st, 2023

Collections: \$ 5,516.00  
Parish Monthly: \$ 150.00  
Flowers: \$ 5.00  
= Total: \$ 5,671.00

Thanks & Blessings

We offer prayers of thanksgiving to God for His goodness as we humbly and joyfully serve His son, Jesus. And as this new year begins, we give many thanks to you, our parish friends for your faithful generosity to our parish!

## Parish Life 2023

This week's linens will be cared for by Angie Beckman.



**Sun 1/8** Faith Formation & RCIA Classes — See Schedule  
Youth Group meets 5-7pm Hall  
**Tues 1/10** Prayer Shawl Ministry, 6pm Library  
**Weds 1/11** Adoration in Church 9am until 7pm Mass;  
Confessions 6pm Chapel  
**Thurs 1/12** Rosary on Zoom 5pm; Folk Group 6pm &  
Choir 7pm Church; K of C 926 meets  
7pm @ Hall: 25 Twenty-first St. Jamestown  
**Fri 1/13** Divine Mercy Prayer on Zoom 9:30am  
**Sat 1/14** Confessions 3:15pm Chapel



### A Message from Catholic Charities

#### Appeal 2023 is underway!

Bishop Michael Fisher, Appeal 2023 chair Dr. Adam Sumlin, and Catholic Charities President & CEO Deacon Steve Schumer launched the Appeal earlier this week and announced the \$9.5 million goal, as well as HOPE as the campaign theme. The Venerable Nelson Baker is this year's patron. Your donation to the Appeal stays right here in Western New York and supports various programs and services through Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith. These are vital programs and services that feed, clothe, counsel and guide those in need.

To make a donation today, visit [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation) or text GIVEHOPE23 to 44321.

If you are in need of assistance, contact the local Catholic Charities office at 42 Dunham Avenue, Jamestown NY, 716.484.9188 — Tuesdays & Thursdays only.

## WORD OF LIFE

"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world."

### Intercession for Life

On this Feast of the Epiphany, may we be given the grace to always see in others the face of Christ our Savior;

**We pray to the Lord.**

## Year End 2022 Tax Statements

If you requested a year end tax statement last year, you do not need to request one this year, it will be automatically sent to you. If you would like a copy, please contact the parish office or mail in the attached request or place it in the collection basket. If there are any changes to your address, phone number or email, please let us know.

*Thank you!*

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